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Scott Mower Property mine (S/039/0032) - recommended seeding time & weed control

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To: Branch Cox <b.cox@cut.net>, Brook Cox <brookcox@hotmail.com>

Cc: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Hi Branch,

Since late fall or early winter is the recommended time to roughen and then seed any disturbances that were graded in the past year, I thought I'd re-emphasize the forwarded email from December 2014.

This is a reminder to prepare to seed in coming months (after October is usually preferred), and also of the need to keep seed tags and to document seed quantities and acreages seeded, seeding methods (including surface re-roughening), seeding dates, and other pertinent conditions.

Given the weedy conditions that have developed on the areas regraded in past years, your documentation of your seeding becomes more important. There are some past areas that may need to be treated and reseeded in order to achieve the post-mining land use.

I noticed that you had done some significant thistle control work this summer, which was good to see, and also that soil was ready to be spread on graded areas. Thanks for the responsiveness to my visit. Thistle control will need to continue in coming years to prevent noxious weed infestations, since they aren't considered part of the post-mining land use.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Peter

On Mon, Dec 8, 2014 at 11:59 AM, Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov> wrote:

Hi Branch and Brook,

The regraded parts of the Scott Mower landscape rock quarry meet our regrading requirements, and look good. I did notice the last couple times that a number of different weeds are starting to establish, most of which don't count towards the revegetation cover that is required before the revegetation portion of the reclamation bond can be released. The standard requirement is that 70% of the pre-mining cover be in place prior to approval of revegetation and release.

This week looks like a really good week to reseed the graded areas, and some of other landscape boulder producers will be seeding (or already have seeded) their regraded areas this week before this weekend's forecasted storm.

I would encourage you to reseed the graded areas within the next couple weeks if at all possible, since another year of weed growth could notably affect the long-term vegetation quality.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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